PFAS in Packaging Interview with Tim Wheeler - Follow-up questions

1) Was the oily matrix testing method developed entirely in-house, without any outside suggestions, input or consultation?

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2) How can the lab be sure that the new method isn't yielding false negatives instead of false positives?

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3) I noted that there appeared to be two different limits of detection at the bottom of the tables showing results from the testing of pesticide samples from MDA and from Bayer. The MDA table had .008 ppb as the LOD, while the Bayer table had .08 ppb. Are these numbers correct? If so, what is the difference between them?

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4) Did the lab test the stainless steel container that held one of the MDA samples or did MDA supply a rinsate from that container for EPA analysis?

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5) Has the Office of Enforcement received any other self-disclosures from pesticide manufacturers (than the one he mentioned) of finding PFAS in their products?

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6) Ed said he could provide a tally of active ingredients approved for use in combating mosquitoes. I thought he said there was also a PPLS database listing all the products and their uses. I see a Pesticide Product and Label System database, but it seems to be set up only to look for one product, company or chemical at a time. Is there a tally or some way to get one of how many different products have been approved or are on the market for controlling mosquitoes?

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7) Who are the contacts at FDA and USDA relative to the question of PFAS contamination in HDPE containers used for shipping or storing foods?

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